

# GERMAN ATTACK AT HILL 287 CRUSHED

French Break Up the Third Assault at This Point in Three Days.

## TEUTON TRENCH TAKEN

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

Paris, May 10.—After a night of comparative quiet on the Verdun front, following the four heavy attacks made by the Germans yesterday on the sector from Hill 304 to Hill 287, the German artillery resumed its bombardment of the latter hill today with great violence. Under cover of this shell fire the German infantry made another attack. The front against which the assault was directed was the one which has borne the brunt of much of the fighting of the last three days, the French lines at the foot of Hill 287, the elevation to the west of Hill 304 and almost directly south of the village of Haucourt. The Germans attacked this hill without success Monday afternoon and one of the heavy assaults made on this front yesterday was directed against these positions. This also broke down under the French fire.

## French Repulse New Attack.

The third attack, made today, again was completely repulsed and the French retained as prisoners some of the attacking force.

The official communique issued by the French War Office tonight follows:

On the left bank of the Meuse, following a violent bombardment, the Germans launched a strong attack on our positions at the foot of Hill 287. This attack was completely repulsed. Some prisoners were taken. A violent offensive action undertaken by our troops on the western slopes of Hill 304 enabled us to occupy enemy positions and to take 150 prisoners and 200 machine guns.

## Surprise Attack Fails.

A German attempt at a surprise attack on the Verdun front, between the Oise and the Aisne, and an attack by a German reconnoitering party upon a small post south of Altkirch, in Alsace, were checked.

The afternoon communique was as follows:

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# ANOTHER IRISH LEADER SHOT; WIMBORNE QUILTS

Thomas Kent First Rebel Outside Dublin Executed—Irish Parliamentary Party Deplores Uprising—Commons Orders Inquiry.

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LONDON, May 10.—Despite the statement of Premier Asquith in the House of Commons that there was reason to believe that there would be no further necessity to proceed to extreme measures against the Irish rebels, another leader, Thomas Kent of Co. Wick, near Fermoy, has been shot, according to an official statement issued tonight. This is the first execution outside of Dublin.

Baron Wimborne resigned today as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, according to an announcement by the Marquis of Crewe in the House of Lords. He is the third high official to leave his office on account of the Irish rebellion. Augustine Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, and Sir Matthew Nathan, Under Secretary, having preceded him.

A manifesto to the people of Ireland has been formulated. It is believed that it will be published simultaneously throughout Ireland.

Dublin dispatches state that 1,000 rebel leaders from the south of Ireland have been captured and taken to Dublin. They will be brought to England.

The trial of Sir Roger Casement on charges of high treason will start on Monday instead of today as originally planned.

A special commission composed of Baron Hardinge, former Viceroy of India, Justice Sir Montague Shearman and Sir Mackenzie Chalmers, former Permanent Secretary to the State, and Lord Home, has been appointed to investigate the rebellion.

May End Executions.

Premier Asquith stated in the House of Commons today that there would probably be no necessity of using extreme measures against any more of the Irish rebels, although he could give no undertaking that this effort.

He said also in reply to a question put by John Dillon, Nationalist member for East Mayo, that so far as he knew no prisoners had been shot without trial in Ireland. He also said that E. Sheehy Skeffington, editor of the Irish Citizen, was shot on April 28 in Dublin without the knowledge of the military authorities.

An investigation of the shooting was being held, he said, and the official communique was under arrest awaiting court-martial.

In the House of Lords a speech protesting against the execution of martial law was made by Lord Dunsany, who said that he had slept for two nights in Dublin with a rifle at his bedside.

"If martial law is removed we will have no guarantee against the recurrence of the rebellion," he declared.

Viscount Maitland urged the retention of martial law until all arms have been surrendered. The Government was strongly criticised during the debate, which was adjourned.

The joint Irish Parliamentary party in a statement condemns the Dublin rising as a dangerous blow to the heart and hopes of Ireland and appeals to the Irish people to stand by the Government and to support the Government in its efforts to suppress the rebellion and to restore law and order.

The statement concludes that there is no doubt about the choice of the Irish people.

"If they do not want a constitutional movement," it says, "they do not want us. Without our support and aid they are engaged in an impossible task. With it we will be able to complete the fabric of Irish reform and liberty and lead them to the Parliament House, for which they have been praying and working for over a century."

The party demands the stoppage of executions, the immediate withdrawal of martial law and a complete compensation for damaged property.

The Irish Parliamentary party in the House of Commons adopted the following resolution unanimously:

"That any inquiry into the Irish situation must, if it is to be of any value and satisfy public opinion in Ireland and Great Britain, satisfy two conditions:

"The personnel of the commission must be in touch with and satisfy the public of its impartiality and capacity to conduct an impartial inquiry effectively and without favor.

"The terms of reference must allow of full investigation of all circumstances which have led up to the outbreak of the rebellion of the people in Ireland and the nature and extent of the outbreak, the attitude of the Government and the conduct of the Irish people in dealing with such troubles, and the actual steps taken by the Irish Government during the last three years to deal with conditions which led up to the outbreak."

The debate on the Irish situation in the House of Commons has been postponed to tomorrow night, when the Government will move the resolution that the Minister of Blockade, in reply to a question asked by Lawrence Ginnell, Nationalist member for North Westmeath, should not communicate with the Government concerning the shooting of prisoners in Ireland.

See Harm in Shootings.

In a statement in behalf of the Nationalists, Arthur Lynch, member for County Clare, said:

"In the best interests of the Allies and the conduct of the war Englishmen should put aside every other feeling and recognize the harm already done by shootings after the insurrection has been entirely quelled. Not only should the shootings entirely cease, but the proclamation of martial law should be immediately revoked and matters allowed to resume normal conditions as soon as possible."

The Morning Post says that the attitude of the Nationalist party toward the Government has undergone a decided change and the result may be a cessation of the support which it has hitherto given to the Ministry. The pursuance

of this afternoon. The Belgian line is taken up by the British at a point near Merkem, southeast of Dixmude. The British line extends to Loos and includes the Ypres salient. In France the line extends from Loos south six miles to La Bassée, twenty-five miles north of Soissons. This line includes the Lille sector, the north of the Somme and the region to the north of the Somme.

In the early days of the war the British held only seventeen miles of this Franco-Belgian front.

Heavy Losses at Verdun.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

ROME, May 10.—The German losses at Verdun are enormous, an Italian who has just returned from Germany says. 105,000 soldiers being killed in the fighting about Fort Douaumont alone.

# RUSSIANS ONLY 100 MILES FROM BAGDAD

Occupy Kasr-i-Shirin in Persia Close to the Turkish Frontier.

MUCH MUNITIONS TAKEN

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

PERSIAN, May 10.—The Russian army of the Caucasus which is advancing toward Bagdad has reached and occupied Kasr-i-Shirin, Persia, close to the Turkish frontier and about 100 miles northeast of Bagdad, according to an official statement issued here tonight.

This army, which occupied Kermanshah on February 26 and Kirind on March 12, has now reached the headwaters of the Dila River, which flows southwest into the Tigris just below Bagdad. A road follows the Dila Valley from this point through the pass formed by the river in the westernmost ranges of the Persian Mountains, and out on the Mesopotamian plain, crossing to the Tigris some distance above Bagdad, where it joins the road in the Mosul Valley which has been the chief route for supplies for the Turkish Mesopotamian army.

The official statement follows:

We have occupied Kasr-i-Shirin, 100 miles northeast of Bagdad, capturing great munition reserves, a camel supply train and three guns.

TURKS REPORT GAINS.

Surprise Attack in Kirvan Sector Nets Gain, They Report.

CONSTANTINOPLE, via London, May 10.—The Turkish War Office today issued the following statement:

On the Caucasus front in local engagements on the right wing and in the center we made a number of prisoners and captured booty. In the center we made a number of prisoners and captured booty. In the center we made a number of prisoners and captured booty.

On the left wing the enemy is engaged in different sectors in the vicinity of the coast in building fortifications.

An enemy guardship which appeared west of Kouche Ada, in Smyrna waters, was under fire by our artillery.

18,800 LBS. OF FOOD VIA AEROS.

British Lbs. of Food via Aeros.

LONDON, May 10.—In an effort to delay the starving British garrison at Kut-el-Amara, in Mesopotamia, British aeroplanes have been dropping food, as well as mail and stores, in the town from April 11 to 29, according to Harold J. Tennant, Under Secretary for War. Mr. Tennant related in the House of Commons the story of the food drops.

He said that the food drops were made in the form of small parcels, each containing a few pounds of food, and were dropped from a height of 1,000 feet.

He added that during the whole siege of Kut-el-Amara the British aeroplanes dropped 18,800 lbs. of food via aeros.

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